

UTAH STATE NEWS

Salt Lake City now has only two smallpox patients under quarantine.

About the scariest thing on the Salt Lake market, so far as variety is concerned, is fish.

The Lehi academy opened last week with the largest attendance for an opening day since its commencement.

The attendance at the public schools of Salt Lake on the opening day was 11,300, an increase of 320 over last year.

The trial of Merrill M. Kaighn, who murdered Willard S. Haynes last November, at Salt Lake, is now in progress.

The Rio Grande station at Murray has been abandoned and the new one at Pallas, half a mile south, has been occupied.

Burglaries are becoming of almost daily occurrence in Salt Lake City, and the police seem unable to cope with the law-breakers.

The bank clearings in Salt Lake for the week ending September 13 were \$3,187,305, as against \$3,385,939 for the same period last year.

Marion A. Brasher, who accidentally shot and killed Alex J. Kielland on a Saltair train last week, will be tried on a charge of voluntary manslaughter.

President Joseph F. Smith and a party of church leaders will make a tour of the southern portion of the state during the latter part of the week.

Mrs. A. J. Turnwall, of Sunshine, objected to her husband gambling and finding him in a gambling house took three shots at him, without fatal results, however.

Louis Rivers, an employee in the rock quarry in Little Cottonwood canyon, fell thirty feet from a ladder and received painful injuries which may cost him his life.

The criminal calendar of the Seventh district court has been postponed until Monday, the 29th inst., because of the prevalence of smallpox in Ephraim and sickness at Mantle.

Escalante desert, usually depended upon for winter range for Iron county, is entirely devoid of any vegetation, and where formerly ranged from 75,000 to 125,000 sheep, none will be able to range.

William C. Barker, of Salt Lake City, is the lucky candidate in the naval cadetship examination held last week. A. F. Sherman, a member of the Salt Lake High school senior class, is the alternate.

The attendance at the Latter-day Saints university in Salt Lake City is 450, as compared with 283 for the first week's enrollment last year. The increase is mainly confined to the high school and normal departments.

J. F. Sharp, of Salt Lake, last week won the title of champion trap shooter of the state, when he took the Brownie state championship silver loving cup, with a score of ninety-eight blue rocks broken out of a possible 100.

The fourth one of the large pumps has been received and placed in position at the big Jordan pumping plant at Lehi. Next season the four pumps combined will furnish over 400 cubic feet of water per second, which will fill the Jordan river with more water than it has ever contained.

The state legislature at its coming session, will be asked to make an appropriation of \$55,000 or \$40,000 for the purpose of building a new hall of metallurgy, assaying and kindred branches, including a concentrating mill for practical demonstrations, at the University of Utah.

The birth report to the board of health of Salt Lake for the week ending September 13, shows the birth of twenty-one male children and nineteen females. The deaths for the same period numbered fifteen males and twelve females. Of this number eight were over 70 years of age.

The Salt Lake county jail now contains three men who have taken human life—Thomas McGee, Merrill Kaighn and M. A. Romney. Two others, Marion Brasher and Barney Eckstein, are out on bail, and four convicted murderers—Lynch, King, Mortensen and Hawthorn—are under a death watch at the penitentiary.

Gilbert Van Schoonhoven, who labors under the delusion that he has been a coachman for President McKinley and that in his absence the horses of the late president will not receive the proper attention, has been committed to the insane asylum. Van Schoonhoven was a hack driver in Salt Lake City.

Ray Cole, aged 15, of Salt Lake, was the victim of an accident last week that came near ending his life. He fell upon a broken chair, striking his thigh against a broken board, the round piercing the flesh to a depth of five inches.

Harry Strong was shot and seriously wounded by Miles Romney in a saloon in Salt Lake City, Sunday last. The men had been partners and quarreled over business affairs. Romney is behind the bars, and should Strong die will be tried for murder.

An edict has gone forth from the city board of education that hereafter no newly married woman shall be employed as permanent teacher in the public schools of Salt Lake. The marriage certificate of a teacher will be considered her resignation.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET NAMED.

RESULT OF STATE CONVENTION HELD IN PROVO ON THE 16TH.

Richard W. Young the Nominee for Supreme Judge, While Judge W. H. King Will Make the Race for Congress.

At the Democratic state convention, held in Provo on the 16th, Major Richard W. Young, of Salt Lake, was nominated by acclamation for supreme judge, while Judge William H. King, of Salt Lake, received the nomination for representative in congress by acclamation.

The convention adopted a platform which denounces the Republican party and its policies; opposes militarism; denounces the Republican sugar tariff policy, the Republican policy in the Philippines, favors arbitration of labor disputes, election of senators by direct vote, strict immigration laws; and congratulates the people of Utah upon "the magnificent record made by our senior senator in congress (Hon. J. L. Rawlins) during the past six years."

The permanent officers of the convention were as follows: Chairman, Hon. Frank J. Cannon, Weber county; first vice chairman, Frank K. Nebeker, Cache county; second vice chairman, W. W. Cluff, Summit county; third vice chairman, Electa Bullock, Utah county; fourth vice chairman, Mrs. H. J. Hayward, Salt Lake county; secretary, Henry N. Hayes, Sevier county; assistant secretary, Nephi Palmer, Davis county; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Phillips, Juab county; assistant sergeant-at-arms, H. H. Condon, Box Elder county; chaplain, John B. Miller, Utah county.

Stirring speeches were made by Judge O. W. Powers, Senator Rawlins, Judge W. H. King, ex-Senator Frank J. Cannon and others.

MASSACRED BY BOXERS.

Chinese Still Insist That "Foreign Devils" Shall Leave Celestial Kingdom.

Details were received by the Empress of India of the massacre of Messrs. Bruce and Lewis at Changtse Hunar. For weeks the cholera has been depopulating the cities along the Yuen river. In Changtse they died daily by the score and, from reliable reports, the same can be said of the cities west-Chencheou is built on a hillside and in the center of the city is a famous spring from which the people obtain much of their water. This was reported to have been poisoned by the foreigners and hence the high death rate.

One afternoon Mr. Lewis was studying with his teacher and Mr. Bruce was in his room across the hall when, in an instant, the house and street became crowded with people. Mr. Bruce was drawn by his hair out of the room and into the yard, where, with clubs, stones, knives, swords and torture, they soon killed him.

Mr. Lewis and his teacher went out at the back door into the yard and started to climb upon an old shed, when a stroke from a spear brought the former to the ground. With the same instruments, his body was soon mangled beyond recognition. Eyes were knocked out and the bodies otherwise mutilated.

Speaker Henderson Out of Race for Congress.

Speaker Henderson, finding that his views in respect to the treatment of trusts by reducing the tariff in whole or part, are not in accord with the views of many of his party in Iowa, declined to accept the nomination for congress and has withdrawn from the race.

Speaker Henderson gave out an address Tuesday evening which states his views on the trust question and says because of these views, which are not in accord with the state platform and with the opinions of prominent members of his party, he declines to accept the nomination. The address is "to the Republican voters of the Third Iowa district."

The dispatch announcing speaker Henderson's declination of the congressional nomination caused a sensation in Washington. Very few public men are in Washington at this time, but all here expressed regret that the speaker had determined on the course he has taken.

Large Force of Men Will be Employed to Subdue Forest Fires.

In response to the telegrams from the governors of Wyoming and Colorado, the secretary of the Interior has ordered Supervisor Atherly of the Crow Creek reservation, in fighting the fire reported burning at Pearl, just south of the Medicine Bow forest reserve, to employ a large number of men to assist in the work. This is the only action the department can take. No request will be made to the war department for assistance.

Aid for Victims of Forest Fires.

Aid for the sufferers by forest fires has been collected by nearly every church in Portland and Oregon City. Several wagon-loads of supplies have been sent out. Many benefits are being planned for the sufferers and there is no doubt that they will be well supplied with ample food and clothing until they can secure work. The county commissioners of Clark county, Wash., have left for the burned district, taking with them a wagon-load of supplies, consisting of clothing and other necessities.

INDIAN MURDERER LYNCHED.

Meets Death in Manner as Terrible as That of Victim.

George Bruce, a notorious Indian outlaw whom officers of southern California and Arizona have been hunting for several months, has met death in a manner as terrible as that of his victim, Victoria Maria, a comely young squaw of Hesperia.

Several months ago Bruce murdered Victoria Maria by choking her into insensibility, then burying her alive. He was arrested and his preliminary examination held at Hesperia, but while officers were sitting with their prisoner in the court room the Indian made a successful dash for liberty.

For months the desert has been scoured by officers and Indians, for the latter were as anxious as the officers to capture the murderer. Word is received that not only had the outlaw been captured by the Indians, but that he had been put to a most horrible death.

The capture was made in southern Nevada a few days ago and no time was lost in the execution. A rope was fastened by slip nooses around his neck and with the other end tied to the horn of a saddle the murderer was dragged for over a mile across the rock-strewn desert. The body, which was horribly lacerated, was then thrown on a huge pile of wood and burned.

SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST.

Result of Gas and Powder Explosion in a West Virginia Coal Mine.

A gas and powder explosion occurred at Norfolk, W. Va., Monday in the Big Four mine of the Algoma Coal & Coke company, as the result of which James Lester, an engineer, John Reickie, a Hungarian miner, and fifteen colored miners were imprisoned in the mine. The gas and smoke was so thick that all rescuing parties were at first driven back.

H. F. Frankensfield, a mine boss, and George Caspie, a Hungarian miner, succeeded in crawling over the fallen coal and slate after the explosion to the lights of the rescuing party and were taken out alive, although badly burned and nearly suffocated by the gas.

The explosion is said to have been caused by an accumulation of gas catching fire from the lamp of a miner, and this in turn fired six kegs of blasting powder that had been stored back in the mine.

The explosion knocked down all the brattices for a quarter of a mile back toward the mine entrance, thus cutting off all of the air from the men imprisoned behind the debris.

Threats Upon Life of the President.

The police of Cincinnati, are holding Joseph Schmitz, aged 40, on a charge of loitering, until they can investigate a statement that he has threatened to take the life of President Roosevelt. Schmitz was arrested on Saturday upon the complaint of two elderly sisters living in Oliver street, that he had entered their premises and insisted on staying there. The story is that he made the threat against the president to persons on Everett street and the police are now searching for those persons, as well as making an effort to learn the past history of the prisoner.

Chinese Demand That Their Tormentors be Punished.

Acting Secretary Adee has received a telegram from the governor of Oregon stating that he had directed an immediate and thorough investigation into the allegations made by the Chinese legation at Washington, to the effect that the local authorities at Baker City, Ore., had failed to take proper steps to punish the perpetrators of the outrage committed on a number of Chinese last October. The telegram has been forwarded to the Chinese minister at Washington.

They Turned on the Gas.

Two young men, L. W. Bruskie and Joseph Kiersek of Posen, Mich., were found dead in the Newman House at Ann Arbor, Mich. Kiersek had come to Ann Arbor to have his eyes treated. The men said when they retired that they were not accustomed to using gaslight. It is supposed that they got up in the night for some purpose, and turned on the gas, thinking this would produce light. They had evidently been overcome while trying to reach the door.

Five Hundred People Take a Tumble.

While 1,100 people were struggling to get into the new Sons of Zion synagogue at St. Paul, to witness the dedicatory exercises, the temporary steps leading to the entrance gave way and 500 people fell in a heap. The police platoon, which led the procession to the church, broke ranks and rushed into the crowd, preventing frantic men, women and children from crushing one another in the scramble to get out. When quiet had been restored it was found that a few were bruised and cut, but no one had been fatally injured.

Profound Peace in Africa.

In an interview with a representative of the Associated Press at Cape Town, the attorney general, S. L. Graham, said: "The general indemnity act will become law in a day or two, when martial law will be repealed throughout the colony. Simultaneously, the government will proclaim the peace preservation act, enabling it to control the possession, importation and registration of all arms and ammunition. Profound peace reigns throughout the colony."

PERISH IN FOREST FIRES.

ELEVEN LIVES KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST AND A NUMBER MISSING.

Fierce Forest Fires in Oregon and Washington Bring Death and Desolation to Inhabitants of Devastated Area.

Driven from their homes in the darkness of the night by a raging forest fire which swept everything before it from Ariel, Cowlitz county, Washington, to the foot of Mount St. Helens, a distance of twenty-five miles, eleven people were dead, four are missing and over 200 people have been left homeless, and many have not even clothes enough to cover them.

Four men who were working on a claim belonging to James Hawthorne have not been found and it is thought that they are dead. Some fifty or sixty people were camped at the lake at the foot of Mount St. Helens and they have not been heard of since the fire. It is not known whether they escaped or not.

The first news of the devastation was brought to Portland by Milo M. Dimmick, who experienced many difficulties in making the trip out to send aid to the sufferers. From his description the suffering there is great and the devastation is the most appalling of any that has been reported. For a stretch of twenty-five miles, he says, there are but two houses standing. The fine timber these people expected to realize upon has all been destroyed.

About 300 people are left homeless, in Multnomah and Clackamas counties as a result of the forest fires which have raged for the past week. Fires have burned over a large scope of country but the greatest damage in this state appears to have been done in these two counties.

In the fire that destroyed the town of Palmer, near Bridal Veil, two boys named Hamilton were caught while trying to escape from the flames and burned to death.

News reaches Kalamah, Wash., that the forest fires on Lewis river have wrought sad havoc. D. L. Wallace, wife and two children being burned to death. They were camping in the woods when caught by the fire. Their wagon was found burned up and the charred bodies were lying near. A 12-year-old boy of Mr. Hanley's is dead also. Mrs. John Polly and baby, and a brother, name not known, and Mr. Newhouse and Mrs. Graves are dead. Fifteen others were found without clothing, except gunnysacks.

Millionaire Stratton Dead.

William S. Stratton, the multi-millionaire of Colorado Springs, Colo., owner of the famous Independence mine in the Cripple Creek district, is dead after an illness of several months. In April, 1891, having seen some specimens of gold ore from Cripple Creek district that impressed him favorably, he went to that camp to prospect. On the 3rd of July, after weeks of fruitless prospecting, a man who agreed to grub stake him having disappointed him, Stratton decided to go to Cripple Creek and stake out a claim on his own account. He rode the thirty-five miles from Colorado Springs to the camp on horseback, and on the morning of the 4th of July, 1891, staked out the Independence and Washington claims, in honor of the day and the father of his country. The Independence gave original assays of \$380 to the ton, and in 1892 he leased and bonded the Washington for \$80,000. The Independence yielded Stratton millions, and in 1898 was sold by him for \$10,000,000, he retaining, however, a very considerable interest even after retaining the sum of money. He was the owner of the Colorado Springs railway system, on which he has spent \$1,500,000 in the past two years. His wealth is estimated everywhere at from \$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

Terrible Storm Sweeps Over Germany.

Destructive storms raged in many parts of Germany Sunday. In Saxony the temperature sank to zero, and a hurricane-like wind unroofed many houses and injured a large number of people. The damage is estimated at millions of marks.

A very heavy northwest storm visited the cities on the North sea. Considerable damage was done to bathing establishments on the Elbe, and a number of low-lying houses were partially wrecked.

Awful Crime Committed by Tramps Near Steinbauer, Nebraska.

Mrs. Kate Fournell, living with her parents near Steinbauer, while alone Saturday night, was criminally assaulted by tramps, who then murdered her and dragged her body into the yard, where they set fire to her clothing. When found the clothing was entirely burned from the body. The men evidently had broken open the house, which they looted after committing the crime. Bloodhounds have been put on the trail of the men.

Bogus Messiah is Molsted, Being Saved From Danger by Police.

Extraordinary scenes occurred Sunday at Clapton, England, where nearly 5,000 persons attempted to mob a former Episcopal clergyman named Piggett, who is now the leader of a sect called the "Agapemonites." I gott last week announced himself as the Messiah. Exposures of the man, which filled many columns in the newspapers, heightened public interest in the matter to such a point that Piggett was only taken from the mob by the efforts of mounted police.

FOREST FIRES RAGING IN OREGON AND WASHINGTON

A Number of Lives Reported to Have Been Lost, While the Damage to Property is Great.

The forest fires now raging in the mountains of western Oregon and western Washington are probably the most widespread ever known. Within a radius of seventy-five miles of Portland, Ore., five people are missing and it is thought they have perished in the flames.

The flames have driven many people from their homes and it is known that many houses, barns and much livestock have been destroyed.

At Lenta, Oregon, several houses were burned and the line of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company to that village has been disabled. At Bridal Veil, thirty miles east of Portland, two saw mills burned and in Clackamas county, near Springwater, at least fifteen houses and barns have been destroyed.

In Clark county, Wash., ten miles from Vancouver, eight farm houses were burned and three lives are reported lost.

In Portland the houses are covered with ashes and the lights had to be turned on early in the afternoon on account of the thick smoke which floods the city.

The wife of John Myers, a farmer, was burned to death in their home in Clark county, Washington.

WIFE OF SENATOR STEWART KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE.

Machine Ran Into Telegraph Pole and Occupants Were Thrown to the Ground.

Mrs. William M. Stewart, wife of the United States senator from Nevada, was killed in an automobile accident in San Francisco Friday. Mrs. Stewart was enjoying a ride with Henry Foote, son of W. W. Foote, the attorney, and H. B. Taylor. They were going along Santa Clara avenue, in Alameda county, Taylor guiding the machine and sending it along at a high speed. A vehicle approached and Taylor swerved the automobile aside in order to avoid a collision. At that moment he either lost control of the steering apparatus or made a miscalculation. The automobile ran into a telegraph pole and the occupants were thrown out. Mrs. Stewart struck on her head and was carried in an unconscious condition to a sanitarium in the vicinity where she soon died.

Foote and Taylor escaped with minor bruises. Taylor is a cousin of Frederick Benedict, who was recently crushed to death under his automobile in New York. Mrs. Stewart resided at Washington, D. C. She was visiting her sister, Mrs. Louis Aldrich, who lives in San Francisco.

Mrs. Stewart, before her marriage, was a Miss Foote, a daughter of Henry Foote, governor and United States senator from Mississippi before the Civil war and who, during the fifties, spent some years in California. Senator and Mrs. Stewart have several daughters, one of whom lives in New York City.

Senator Stewart is at present at The Hague, in connection with the Pius fund arbitration, in which has taken a deep interest.

Latest Account of the Mont Pelee Horror.

Professor Angelo Heilprin, president of the Philadelphia Geographical society, who is in Martinique in the interest of the National Geographical society, has made the following report on the recent eruptions of Mont Pelee:

"The scene of destruction in the last eruption of Mont Pelee far surpasses in extent that of the eruption of May 8, when St. Pierre was destroyed, and includes the broad area lying between Macouba and Carbet, and involves Haute Tours de Bourdon, Basse Pointe, Morne Balai and Ajoupa Bouillon, where alone upwards of 300 persons were killed, as well as Morne Rouge, with a death list of probably not less than 1,100 persons. Morne Capot and the heights somewhat this side of Fonds St. Denis, the blast, however, leaving the last named place untouched. Great clinders fell also over the region of Grand Riviere, and Precheur is covered deep with ashes. In Carbet the ashes lie one foot deep and nearly the same amount covers the ruins of St. Pierre. All of Morne Rouge, with the exception of about four houses and the beautiful church, has been swept to the ground and the greater part of the town has been burned up. At Ajoupa Bouillon, where one-half of the town has been prostrated, there is no trace of fire of any kind."

Negro Who Died on the Gallows Was Sure He Was Saved.

A special from New London, Mo., to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch says: Jesse Johnson, a negro, was hanged here today. His neck was broken. On the scaffold Johnson made a speech in which he confessed the crime, and said that he had joined the church and that he had Christ in his soul and was the happiest man on earth and had no fear of the future, as he had made his peace with God.

Robbers Tie Victim to a Tree After Securing All His Cash.

A teamster named Charles Murray, who drives a freight wagon of the Fursa Major Supply company at Iowa Hill, Cal., was held up by two masked robbers on the road between Colfax and Iowa Hill. The robbers secured \$1,900 in coin, which was en route to pay off the men at the Big Dipper mine. The men were both tall and wore dusters and masks. Murray was tied to a tree, where he was found when the stage drove up.

REPUBLICANS NAME TICKET.

JOSEPH HOWELL FOR CONGRESS AND W. M. MCCARTY FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

Platform Adopted Endorsing the Administration and Reaffirms the Platform of 1900.

At the Republican state convention, held in Ogden on the 11th., Joseph Howell, of Cache county, was nominated for congress, while Judge W. M. McCarty, of Sevier county, received the nomination for supreme judge.

A platform was adopted endorsing the policies of the administration, reaffirming the national platform of 1900, endorsing the project of opening the Uintah reservation, upholding the Nation's pledge to Cuba, and opposing the formation of combinations of capital designed to control prices.

The state committee organized by electing James H. Anderson of Salt Lake as chairman, Thomas Hull of Salt Lake as first vice-chairman, Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells of Salt Lake as second vice-chairman, and W. F. Adams of Salt Lake as treasurer. The selection of a secretary will be left to the chairman and two candidates.

Senator Beveridge of Indiana, and other prominent speakers, addressed the convention at the evening session.

The prominent officers of the convention were:

Chairman—Hon. John E. Booth of Utah.

Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Rachel Miller of Salt Lake and Hon. Alma Eldredge of Summit.

Secretary—A. J. Bruneau.

Assistant Secretaries—Mrs. Alice Collins of Wasatch, Oscar Olsen of Morgan, Emelia Graehl of Box Elder and Mr. Eyrich of Salt Lake.

Sergeant-at-Arms—H. P. Jensen of Sanpete.

Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—C. E. Layne of Weber.

Chaplain—John Henry Smith.

Republican Clubs Elect Officers For State.

During the noon recess of the state convention the Utah State League of Republican clubs held its annual meeting and elected the following officers: President, John Henry Smith of Salt Lake; vice president, Mrs. E. West, Ogden; secretary, Walter J. Meeks, Salt Lake; auditor, James Clove, Provo; members of the executive committee, William Glasmann of Ogden and Hoyt Sherman of Salt Lake.

The following were elected delegates to the next national convention of the clubs, which will be held in Chicago on Oct. 11: Hoyt Sherman, Perry S. Heath, Walter J. Meeks, Mrs. W. H. Jones, Salt Lake county; William Glasmann, Weber county; Mr. Evans, Utah county; Mrs. E. West, Weber county; N. P. Neilson and M. M. Steele, Garfield county.

TRAIN ROBBER SURRENDERS.

Bert Alvord, Famous Arizona Outlaw, Tired of Being Hunted.

Bert Alvord, the famous train robber and outlaw, has surrendered to Sheriff Lewis of Cochise county, Arizona, and "Billy" Stiles, his old pal who turned state's evidence and joined the Arizona rangers. Hounded by rangers in the United States and rangers in Mexico, broken in spirit, his right arm shattered by bullets, so that he can no longer use a gun, Alvord decided to give up the desperate chances of the life he had been leading and trust to the leniency of the law. He notified Stiles of his willingness to surrender, met Lewis and Stiles across the line, surrendered and was brought to Tucson for safe keeping.

Texas Oil Field Ablaze.

The oil field at Beaumont, Texas, is on fire, and, judging from the great volume of smoke which is flowing in from Spindle Top, there is grave fear that great loss will be sustained, if the field is not entirely destroyed. The fire started in some waste oil along the Texas & Sabine tracks and burned about sixty feet of trestle. This was gotten under control and it was believed that all danger had passed, but in the meanwhile the fire had been communicated to the field and a number of huge settling tanks, containing thousands of barrels of petroleum have already exploded and others are reported as being in a direct line of the fire.

Brooklyn Man is Killed by Bite of Fly.

Bitten by a fly two weeks ago, George Lindhurst of Brooklyn is dead. The physicians pronounce it an extraordinary case. Lindhurst was bitten on the thumb of his right hand. Three days later a swelling began and spread rapidly. The doctors declared the fly bite had caused blood-poisoning, which they could not check, and the victim died in great agony. Lindhurst was 56 years old and in fairly good health before he was bitten.

Created Sensation in Court.

Margery Kingdon, a stylishly dressed woman, charged in a police court at Cardiff, Wales, with disorderly conduct, created a great sensation in court by claiming that she had purposely caused herself to be locked up in order to draw attention to her claim against the late Duke of Clarence, brother of the Prince of Wales, and asserting that she had lost her husband and children in order to save the Duke's name and that now she had come all the way from India to get her rights.